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Application of: Vournakis *et al.*

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Examiner: P. T. Lewis, Ph.D.

For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS
FOR MODULATION OF VASCULAR
STRUCTURE AND/OR FUNCTION

Attorney Docket No.: 7867-022-999

Confirmation No.: 2779

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 8, 2002, (the "Office Action"), Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered into the record of the above-captioned application and that the following remarks be considered by the Examiner. Applicants submit herewith: (1) Appendix A, which includes a marked-up version of the amended claims indicating the changes made herein, (2) Appendix B, which includes the claims as they will be pending upon entry of the present Amendment; (3) an Amendment Fee Transmittal Sheet, and (4) a petition for extension of time.

IN THE CLAIMS:

A marked-up version of the amended claims, in which deleted matter is enclosed in brackets and added matter is underlined, is attached hereto as Appendix A.

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel Claims 1, 18-23, 29-31, and 35-38 without prejudice.

Please amend Claims 2, 4-7, 10-14, 17, 24, and 26-28 to read as follows:

B¹ 2. (Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the physiological response comprises stimulation of endothelin-1 release.